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A cannon is lit up by 23,110 candles placed like headstones on Antietam National Battlefield.

# 23,110 candles light the memory of the bloodiest American battle

■ **Civil War:** Candles serve as a salute to all the Confederate and Union soldiers killed, wounded or missing in 1862 fight.

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SHARPSBURG, Md. (AP) — Hundreds of volunteers braved frigid cold Sunday to light 23,110 candles at Antietam National Battlefield, one for each soldier killed, wounded or missing after the bloody Civil War battle.

A trumpeter played taps as darkness fell while the candles, burning inside lunch-sized paper bags, cast an orange hue on the snow-covered hills and fields.

Each one flickered in a holiday tribute to the Confederate and Union casualties recorded during the Sept. 17, 1862 battle, the bloodiest single day of fighting for Ameri-

can soldiers.

"I was a medical officer in Vietnam where the American casualty count was in the mid-50,000 range, and that was over a long period of time," National Park Service director James M. Ridenour said, referring to the number of Americans killed in a decade of fighting in Vietnam.

"When you stand here and realize 23,000-plus within eyesight in one day — it's breathtaking."

To this day historians remain unsure how many died at Antietam. Many of the wounded are believed to have died from their injuries shortly after the battle.

People viewed the candle display on a 4.5-mile drive along roads in the battlefield that were outlined by single and double rows of candles. Hundreds of the glowing bags

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placed in valleys came into sight when motorists crested rolling hills in the 3,200-acre park.

Four cannons, black silhouettes against the winter sky, were embraced by scores of the lights, standing in rows reminiscent of headstones at Arlington National Cemetery. Candles encircled the Dunker Church, scene of repeated clashes as the South and North sought to control high ground at the battlefield 70 miles west of Baltimore.

Neither side gained a decisive victory in the Battle of Antietam, but the conflict climaxed the first of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's two attempts to carry the war into the North. The battle also gave President Lincoln an opportunity to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed all slaves in 1863.

An estimated 3,000 automobiles made the 30- to 60-minute drive through the park to see the candles glowing under a starless sky. Drivers were instructed to turn off their headlights and use parking lights so as not to disturb the mood.

"Even though you know how many fell, it's hard to visualize it," Doug Bast, a local historian from Boonsboro, said after finishing the drive. "It looked like a lot more than 23,000."

Winds gusting up to 20 mph celebrated the display Saturday night. "We didn't want this event to be noted for the number of frostbite victims," said Richard Rambur, battlefield superintendent.

Despite temperatures in the teens, an estimated 400 volunteers from 35 civic, business and community groups spent hours placing and lighting the candles with cigarette lighters, blowtorches and tapers.

The Rev. Richard Hembrock, a Lutheran minister in Sharpsburg, braved the cold to light candles with members of the Lions' club and local real estate agents.

"People will be able to see how more than 23,000 candles relate to lives out here," Hembrock said.



• What colors does she like to wear? "If a man goes to his wife's closet and sees three or four colors that stand out, that would help a lot," said Andrea Ludlow, personal shopper for Nordstrom.

• What things has she mentioned that she needs or complained that she doesn't have?

• What types of clothes does she wear most often? Business suits? Slacks and sweaters?

• What words best describe her clothing style? Conservative? Contemporary? Dramatic?

• What kinds of events has she complained that she never has clothes for?

• What are her hobbies?

A man buying fragrance for a woman should also be able to describe her personal style with words like, "outdoorsy, sophisticated, romantic, dramatic," etc.

"A Taste of Honey" and "Tijuana Taxi," to the top of the pop charts is trying to work the same magic with his fragrance, "Listen."

Alpert is using a marketing ploy that is particularly successful the final shopping days before Christmas. When a customer buys Alpert's fragrance, he gets a second gift — in this case, potpourri — free.

Last-minute shoppers are anxious to get as many gifts as they can as fast as they can, Bates said. When they see "gift with purchase" offers, they buy. "They don't care what it is — as long as it means two gifts," Bates said.

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said, just need to be taken to a physician or an emergency room for treatment and medication.

"But if you have children who are particularly susceptible because they have some other problems, it's probably good to keep them away from other children right now to minimize the possibility that they will get it," Banner said. "And also seek treatment earlier. Don't let it go."

There is no vaccine to protect a person again RSV. While there are medications to minimize the effects, Banner said they are only used in the most severe cases because of possible side effects.

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EAST BERLIN (A man Communists an tions Monday resun nation's future over dreds of protesters windows and deman negotiations.

The forum brought ous political parties. tions and fledgling movements into a than 40 that is to ad government until f May.

After two hours of pants decided to a groups, including th union federation, to talks and granted of four more.

The negotiators each Monday to pro and proposed that fu be carried live on radio.

Hundreds of angry disrupted the first sion, using bullhorn demands to be inclu on windows of the g ference room of Church building w were held.

"Anyone who tri participation in this in the interests of de dent Manfred Gerl noise overwhelmed

The participants sage of solidarity to Modrow and West G lor Helmut Kohl, wh in Dresden.

They said the C summit expresses tions to improve rel warned against an would damage the s